

Safety Tips

HALLOWEEN SAFETY

Children love Halloween! They get to dress up and they get free candy! What a perfect holiday! Give your children some precious Halloween memories that they'll have for life. It is not safe to let kids walk the streets alone. We want you and your children to share the memories together. Make sure your child does not trick or treat alone. Here are some other safety tips for trick or treating:

- Help your child pick out or make a costume that will be safe. Make it fire proof. The eye holes should be large enough for good peripheral vision.
- If you put jack-o-lanterns on your porch with candles inside them, make sure that they are far enough out of the way so that kids' costumes won't accidentally be set on fire.
- Make sure if your child is carrying a prop, such as a scythe, butcher knife or a pitchfork, that the tips are smooth and flexible enough to not cause injury if fallen on.
- Treating your children to a spooky Halloween dinner will make them less likely to eat candy they collect before you have a chance to check it for them.
- Children should go out during daylight hours only unless accompanied by a responsible adult. Mishawaka sets hours from 5-7pm.
- Stop only at familiar houses in your neighborhood unless accompanied by a responsible adult.
- Small children should Never be allowed to go out alone on Halloween.
- Instruct your children to never go into a stranger's home or into their car.
- Plan a safe route so parents know where their older children will be at all times. Set a time for the older children to return home. Make sure the children are old enough and responsible enough if they are to go out by themselves.
- Children should cross the street at intersections only and not run out from between parked cars.
- Children should carry a flashlight to help them see when it gets dark.
- Ask the person that is giving you the treat to place the treat into your bag or bucket.
- Don't eat any opened candy or snacks that were placed into your bag or bucket.



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